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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

(1) The paragraph from page 4, line 1 to page 4, line 12 has been amended as follows:

It is, therefore, an object of the present invention to provide a display method and apparatus for a navigation system which is able to perform a cluster search for searching objects based on their relative density or cluster size within ~~in~~ a selected search area.

(2) The paragraph from page 9, line 14 to page 9, line 23 has been amended as follows:

The cluster search of the present invention provides the user a wider choice of destination in such a situation when the user has not a specific place name in mind. For example, when there arises a situation where the user wants to eat fast food for lunch but does not have a specific fast restaurant that he really wants to go. In such a case, the navigation system informs the user about the location and size of the cluster having two or more fast food restaurants. The user can select the cluster as his destination so that he can determine which restaurant he likes after arriving at the cluster.

(3) The paragraph from page 9, line 33 to page 10, line 2 has been amended as follows:

~~Figures~~ Figure 3 is a schematic diagram showing an example of a situation where one or more points of interest

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exist at different locations with different degree of density or cluster size for which the navigation system of the present invention is advantageously used.

(4) The paragraph from page 12, line 8 to page 12, line 19 has been amended as follows:

The navigation system performs the cluster search on the objects such as POIs to produce cluster data (cluster distribution matrix) and sorts the clusters by a predetermine parameter such as a cluster size or a cluster distance from a specified position. The cluster search of the present invention provides the user a wider choice of destination such as when the user has not a specific place name in mind. For example, when there arises a case where the user wants to eat fast food but does not have a specific fast restaurant that he really wants to go. In such a case, the navigation system notifies the user a location of the cluster having one or more fast food restaurants or a size of the cluster, etc.

(5) The paragraph from page 13, line 25 to page 13, line 35 has been amended as follows:

The cluster search operation controller 47 plays an essential role of the present invention for conducting a data search operation for finding relative spatial density of objects such as POIs (points of interest) and displaying the search results. The ~~scroll~~ cluster search operation controller 47 receives map data from the map data storage

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(DVD) 31, and a cluster search request and information indicating a size and location of the search area from the user through a monitor screen. The ~~scroll~~ cluster search operation controller 47 also receives information indicating the current position of the user from the position measuring device 33.

(6) The paragraph from page 26, line 9 to page 26, line 16 has been amended as follows:

In addition to the screen example of Figure ~~7b~~ 7B, the display example of Figure 10A includes a "View on Map" key 82 and a "List Within Cluster" key 84. The "View on Map" key 82 is to watch the map image of the selected cluster, i.e., each location of the POI within the cluster on the map image. The "List Within Cluster" key 84 is to list the POI names within the selected cluster in the predetermined manner such as by the order of distance or by the alphabetical order.

(7) The paragraph from page 26, line 28 to page 27, line 3 has been amended as follows:

Figures 11A-11B show another example of displaying the results of the cluster search. The screen of Figure 11A is basically the same as that of Figure 10A although the user selects the "List Within Cluster" key 84. Then, the navigation system displays the POI name list within the selected cluster (cluster number 2) as shown in Figure 11B. This example lists the POI names sorted by distance from the

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POI "Wendy's" which is at the center of the cluster (cluster number 2). The name of the center POI "Wendy's" is illustrated by a bold line. It is also possible to list the POI names within the cluster by the alphabetical order.

(8) The paragraph from page 28, line 30 to page 29, line 4 has been amended as follows:

The cluster search of the present invention provides the user a wider choice of destination in such a situation when the user has not a specific place name in mind. For example, when there arises a situation where the user wants to eat fast food for lunch but does not have a specific fast restaurant that he really wants to go. In such a case, the navigation system informs the user about the location and size of the cluster having two or more fast food restaurants. The user can select the cluster as his destination so that he can determine which restaurant he likes after arriving at the cluster.